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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Keith V. Wood et al.  
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Title: SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS OF PREPARATION

Examiner: Rebecca Prouty  
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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003, said period of response being extended from May 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003.

**Our check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.  
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

Respectfully Submitted

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